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Michael Laznicka & Sofia Zoller  
1120 Shadow Hill Way  
Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
310-502-4641

Defendant, In Pro Per

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DARYOUSH GOHARBIN,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

MICHAEL LAZNICKA; SOFIA  
ZOLLER,  
DOES 1 TO 10,

Defendant.

CV16-497-RSWL

Case No.

(AGR) 6061

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-TITLED COURT AND THE HONORABLE UNITED  
STATES DISTRICT JUDGE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendant Michael Laznicka & Sofia Zoller ("Defendant")  
hereby removes to this Court the above-captioned action described further below:

1. THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL ARE SATISFIED.

On October 16, 2015, Plaintiff, Daryoush Goharbin, ("Plaintiff") filed an unlawful detainer  
action in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, entitled DARYOUSH  
GOHARBIN vs. MICHAEL LAZNICKA; SOFIA ZOLLER,

DOES 1 TO 10.

Defendant's Answer to the complaint for unlawful detainer was based on a defective 3-Day Notice. A true and correct copy of the relevant pleadings, i.e., summons, complaint cover & verification, and Answer are attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

2. This removal is therefore timely because it is not barred by the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
3. There are no other named Defendants in the action.
4. No previous request has been made for the relief requested.
5. The Superior Court of California for the County of Los Angeles is located within the Central District of California. Sec 28 U.S.C. § 84(c)(1). Thus, venue is proper in this Court because it is the "district and divisions embracing the place where such action is pending." 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a).
6. This Action is removable to the instant Court because it originally could have been filed in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) and/or (b). The complaint presents federal questions. Supplemental jurisdiction exists with respect to any remaining claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.


**II. FEDERAL QUESTION: REMOVAL IS PROPER BECAUSE THIS COURT HAS SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. §1331 and §1441.**

7. The complaint for Unlawful Detainer is subject to strict notice requirements.
8. Defendant filed an Answer to the complaint based on a 3-Day Notice, i.e., Notice to Pay Rent or Quit, that failed to comply with *Code of Civil Procedure* § 1161(2).
9. Notwithstanding said violation of *Code of Civil Procedure* § 1161(2), the Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles did not sustain the Answer.
10. Federal question exists because Defendant's Answer, a pleading depend on the determination of Defendant's rights and Plaintiff's duties under federal law. Wherefore, Michael Laznicka & Sofia Zoller respectfully remove this action from the California Superior Court for the County of Los Angeles this Court pursuant to 28 United States Code Sections 1331 and 1441.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 1.22.16

By: 

Michael Laznicka & Sofia Zoller

**Defendants, In Pro Per**

**EXHIBIT A**

SUM-130

**SUMMONS  
(CITACION JUDICIAL)**

**UNLAWFUL DETAINER—EVICTION**

**(RETENCIÓN ILÍCITA DE UN INMUEBLE—DESALOJO)**

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Michael Laznicka; Sofia Zoller;**  
**(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):**

AG

and Does 1 to 10

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF:**

**(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE):** DARYOUSH GOHARBIN

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Superior Court of California  
County of Los Angeles

OCT 16 2015

Sherri H. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk  
By: Christopher Ruiz, Deputy

You have 5 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. (To calculate the five days, count Saturday and Sunday, but do not count other court holidays. If the last day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a court holiday then you have the next court day to file a written response.) A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

Tiene 5 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. (Para calcular los cinco días, cuenta los sábados y los domingos pero no los otros días feriados de la corte. Si el último día cae en sábado o domingo, o en un día en que la corte esté cerrada, tiene hasta el próximo día de corte para presentar una respuesta por escrito). Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, ([www.sucorte.ca.gov](http://www.sucorte.ca.gov)) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso.

1. The name and address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
(El nombre y dirección de la corte es): COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE NUMBER  
(Número del caso)

SC12480

1725 MAIN STREET

SANTA MONICA, CA 90401

WEST DISTRICT

2. The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:  
(El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es):  
Law Offices of Sam Chandra, APC  
Sam Chandra SBN 203942  
710 S. Myrtle Ave., # 600  
Monrovia, CA 91016-2171  
(626) 256-4999

3. (Must be answered in all cases) An unlawful detainer assistant (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 6400-6415) ☒ did not ☐ did for compensation give advice or assistance with this form. (If plaintiff has received any help or advice for pay from an unlawful detainer assistant, complete item 6 on the next page.)

Date:  
(Fecha)

OCT 16 2015

Sherri R. Carter, Clerk

Clerk, by  
(Secretario)

, Deputy  
(Adjunto)

(For proof of service of this summons, use Proof of Service of Summons (form POS-010).)  
(Para prueba de entrega de esta citación use el formulario Proof of Service of Summons, (POS-010)).

4. NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

(SEAL)

Sherri R. Carter, Clerk

a. ☐ as an individual defendant.b. ☐ as the person sued under the fictitious name of (specify):c. ☐ as an occupantd. ☒ on behalf of (specify): MICHAEL LAZNICKA DBA GARDNER ASSOCIATESunder: ☐ CCP 416.10 (corporation)☐ CCP 416.20 (defunct corporation)☐ CCP 416.40 (association or partnership)☐ CCP 415.46 (occupant)☐ CCP 416.60 (minor)☐ CCP 416.70 (conservatee)☐ CCP 416.90 (authorized person)☐ other (specify):5. ☒

by personal delivery on (date): OCT 16 2015

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alleges causes of action against DEFENDANT (name each): Michael Laznicka; Sofia Zoller

3. Defendant named above is in possession of the premises located at (street address, apt. no., city, zip code, and county):  
1120 Shadow Hill Way, Beverly Hills, CA 90210

4. Plaintiff's interest in the premises is ☒ as owner ☐ other (specify):
5. The true names and capacities of defendants sued as Does are unknown to plaintiff.
6. a. On or about (date): 08/01/2014 defendant (name each):  
Michael Laznicka; Sofia Zoller;
- (1) agreed to rent the premises as a ☐ month-to-month tenancy ☒ other tenancy (specify): 18 months
- (2) agreed to pay rent of \$ 18,000.00 payable ☒ monthly ☐ other (specify frequency):
- (3) agreed to pay rent on the ☐ first of the month ☒ other day (specify): first of the month
- b. This ☒ written ☐ oral agreement was made with
- (1) ☒ plaintiff.
- (2) ☐ plaintiff's agent.
- (3) ☐ plaintiff's predecessor in interest.
- (4) ☐ other (specify):

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JD-100 (Rev. July 1, 2005)

Civil Code, § 1940 et seq.  
Code of Civil Procedure §§ 425.12, 1168  
[www.courts.ca.gov](http://www.courts.ca.gov)

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www.USCourtForms.com

PLAINTIFF (Name): <u>Daryoush Goharbin</u>	CASE NUMBER:
DEFENDANT (Name): <u>Michael Laznicka, et al</u>	

6. c. ☒ The defendants not named in item 6a are
- (1) ☐ subtenants.
- (2) ☐ assignees. None in possession known: If any persons in possession are not listed, they are unauthorized occupants or subtenants.
- (3) ☒ other (specify):
- d. ☐ The agreement was later changed as follows (specify):
- e. ☒ A copy of the written agreement, including any addenda or attachments that form the basis of this complaint, is attached and labeled Exhibit 1. (Required for residential property, unless item 6f is checked. See Code Civ. Proc., § 1166.)
- f. ☐ (For residential property) A copy of the written agreement is not attached because (specify reason):
- (1) ☐ the written agreement is not in the possession of the landlord or the landlord's employees or agents.
- (2) ☐ this action is solely for nonpayment of rent (Code Civ. Proc., § 1161(2)).
7. ☒ a. Defendant (name each):
- as stated in item 6a
- was served the following notice on the same date and in the same manner:
- (1) ☒ 3-day notice to pay rent or quit (4) ☒ 3-day notice to perform covenants or quit
- (2) ☐ 30-day notice to quit (5) ☐ 3-day notice to quit
- (3) ☐ 60-day notice to quit (6) ☐ Other (specify):
- b. (1) On (date) 10/13/15 the period stated in the notice expired at the end of the day.
- (2) Defendants failed to comply with the requirements of the notice by that date.
- c. All facts stated in the notice are true.
- d. ☒ The notice included an election of forfeiture.
- e. ☒ A copy of the notice is attached and labeled Exhibit 2. (Required for residential property. See Code Civ. Proc., § 1166.)
- f. ☐ One or more defendants were served (1) with a different notice, (2) on a different date, or (3) in a different manner, as stated in Attachment 8c. (Check item 8c and attach a statement providing the information required by items 7a-e and 8 for each defendant.)
8. a. ☒ The notice in item 7a was served on the defendant named in item 7a as follows:
- (1) ☐ by personally handing a copy to defendant on (date): The notice was served as specified in the proof of service attached as an exhibit and incorporated herein
- (2) ☐ by leaving a copy with (name or description):
- a person of suitable age and discretion, on (date): at defendant's
- ☐ residence ☐ business AND mailing a copy to defendant at defendant's place of residence on (date): because defendant cannot be found at defendant's residence or usual place of business.
- (3) ☐ by posting a copy on the premises on (date): ☐ AND giving a copy to a person found residing at the premises AND mailing a copy to defendant at the premises on (date):
- (a) ☐ because defendant's residence and usual place of business cannot be ascertained OR
- (b) ☐ because no person of suitable age or discretion can be found there.
- (4) ☐ (Not for 3-day notice; see Civil Code, § 1946 before using) by sending a copy by certified or registered mail addressed to defendant on (date):
- (5) ☐ (Not for residential tenancies; see Civil Code, § 1953 before using) in the manner specified in a written commercial lease between the parties.
- b. ☐ (Name):
- was served on behalf of all defendants who signed a joint written rental agreement.
- c. ☐ Information about service of notice on the defendants alleged in item 7f is stated in Attachment 8c.
- d. ☒ Proof of service of the notice in item 7a is attached and labeled Exhibit 3.

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DEFENDANT (Name): Michael Laznicka, et al	

9. ☐ Plaintiff demands possession from each defendant because of expiration of a fixed-term lease.
10. ☒ At the time the 3-day notice to pay rent or quit was served, the amount of rent due was \$ 72,000.00
11. ☒ The fair rental value of the premises is \$ 600.00 per day.
12. ☐ Defendant's continued possession is malicious, and plaintiff is entitled to statutory damages under Code of Civil Procedure section 1174(b). (State specific facts supporting a claim up to \$600 in Attachment 12.)
13. ☒ A written agreement between the parties provides for attorney fees.
14. ☐ Defendant's tenancy is subject to the local rent control or eviction control ordinance of (city or county, title of ordinance, and date of passage):

Plaintiff has met all applicable requirements of the ordinances.

15. ☐ Other allegations are stated in Attachment 15.

16. Plaintiff accepts the jurisdictional limit, if any, of the court.

**17. PLAINTIFF REQUESTS**

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| a. possession of the premises.                                       | f. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> damages at the rate stated in item 11 from             |
| b. costs incurred in this proceeding:                                | (date): 11/01/15 for each day that  |
| c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> past-due rent of \$ 72,000.00 | defendants remain in possession through entry of judgment.                                    |
| d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> reasonable attorney fees.     | g. <input type="checkbox"/> statutory damages up to \$600 for the conduct alleged in item 12. |
| e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> forfeiture of the agreement.  | h. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify):                                       |

Such other and further relief that the court may deem just and proper, including but not limited to any monies owed but not specifically demanded in any notice.

18. ☒ Number of pages attached (specify): exhibits one not including

**UNLAWFUL DETAINER ASSISTANT (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 6400-6415)**

19. (Complete in all cases.) An unlawful detainer assistant ☒ did not ☐ did for compensation give advice or assistance with this form. (If plaintiff has received any help or advice for pay from an unlawful detainer assistant, state:)

- a. Assistant's name:
- b. Street address, city, and zip code:

- c. Telephone No.:
- d. County of registration:
- e. Registration No.:
- f. Expires on (date):

Date: 10/14/15

Sam Chandra

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

☒ ISI Service Copy

(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF OR ATTORNEY)

**VERIFICATION**

(Use a different verification form if the verification is by an attorney or for a corporation or partnership.)

I am the plaintiff in this proceeding and have read this complaint. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date:

See attached verification

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

☒ See attached verification

(SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF)



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ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY NAME: Michael Laznicka dba Gardner Holding AG & Sofia Zoller STATE BAR NO.: FIRM NAME: ADDRESS: 1120 Shadow Hill Way CITY: Beverly Hills E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional): ATTORNEY FOR (Name):		FOR COURT USE ONLY  CONFORMED COPY ORIGINAL FILED Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles  DEC 17 2015 Sherr R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk By Darnetta Smith, Deputy
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES STREET ADDRESS: 1725 Main Street MAILING ADDRESS: same CITY AND ZIP CODE: Santa Monica, CA 90401 BRANCH NAME: Santa Monica		
PLAINTIFF: DARYOUSH GOHARBIN DEFENDANT: MICHAEL LAZNICKA		
ANSWER—UNLAWFUL DETAINER		CASE NUMBER: SC124883

- Defendant (each defendant for whom this answer is filed must be named and must sign this answer unless his or her attorney signs): Michael Laznicka & Sofia Zoller  
 answers the complaint as follows:
- Check ONLY ONE of the next two boxes:
  - ☐ Defendant generally denies each statement of the complaint. (Do not check this box if the complaint demands more than \$1,000.)
  - ☒ Defendant admits that all of the statements of the complaint are true EXCEPT:
    - Defendant claims the following statements of the complaint are false (state paragraph numbers from the complaint or explain below or on form MC-025): ☐ Explanation is on MC-025, titled as Attachment 2b(1).  

Paragraphs 7-10
    - Defendant has no information or belief that the following statements of the complaint are true, so defendant denies them (state paragraph numbers from the complaint or explain below or on form MC-025):  
☐ Explanation is on MC-025, titled as Attachment 2b(2).
- AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES (NOTE: For each box checked, you must state brief facts to support it in item 3k (top of page 2).)
  - ☐ (nonpayment of rent only) Plaintiff has breached the warranty to provide habitable premises.
  - ☐ (nonpayment of rent only) Defendant made needed repairs and properly deducted the cost from the rent, and plaintiff did not give proper credit.
  - ☐ (nonpayment of rent only) On (date): before the notice to pay or quit expired, defendant offered the rent due but plaintiff would not accept it.
  - ☐ Plaintiff waived, changed, or canceled the notice to quit.
  - ☒ Plaintiff served defendant with the notice to quit or filed the complaint to retaliate against defendant.
  - ☒ By serving defendant with the notice to quit or filing the complaint, plaintiff is arbitrarily discriminating against the defendant in violation of the Constitution or the laws of the United States or California.
  - ☒ Plaintiff's demand for possession violates the local rent control or eviction control ordinance of (city or county, title of ordinance, and date of passage):  
 (Also, briefly state in item 3k the facts showing violation of the ordinance.)
  - ☐ Plaintiff accepted rent from defendant to cover a period of time after the date the notice to quit expired.
  - ☐ Plaintiff seeks to evict defendant based on acts against defendant or a member of defendant's household that constitute domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking. (A temporary restraining order, protective order, or police report not more than 180 days old is required naming you or your household member as the protected party or a victim of these crimes.)
  - ☒ Other affirmative defenses are stated in item 3k.

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## 3. AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES (cont'd)

- k. Facts supporting affirmative defenses checked above (identify facts for each item by its letter from page 1 below or on form MC-025):

☐ Description of facts is on MC-025, titled as Attachment 3k.

Defective Notice to Quit.

## 4. OTHER STATEMENTS

- a. ☐ Defendant vacated the premises on (date):  
 b. ☒ The fair rental value of the premises alleged in the complaint is excessive (explain below or on form MC-025):  
☐ Explanation is on MC-025, titled as Attachment 4b.

- c. ☐ Other (specify below or on form MC-025 in attachment):  
☐ Other statements are on MC-025, titled as Attachment 4c.

## 5. DEFENDANT REQUESTS

- a. that plaintiff take nothing requested in the complaint.  
 b. costs incurred in this proceeding.  
 c. ☐ reasonable attorney fees.  
 d. ☐ that plaintiff be ordered to (1) make repairs and correct the conditions that constitute a breach of the warranty to provide habitable premises and (2) reduce the monthly rent to a reasonable rental value until the conditions are corrected.  
 e. ☒ Other (specify below or on form MC-025):  
☒ All other requests are stated on MC-025, titled as Attachment 5e.  
 Dismiss case w/ prejudice.  
 Seal the case.

## 6. Number of pages attached: \_\_\_\_\_

## UNLAWFUL DETAINER ASSISTANT (Bus. &amp; Prof. Code §§ 6400—6415)

7. (Must be completed in all cases.) An unlawful detainer assistant ☒ did not ☐ did for compensation give advice or assistance with this form. (If defendant has received any help or advice for pay from an unlawful detainer assistant, state:

- a. Assistant's name: \_\_\_\_\_ b. Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Street address, city, and zip code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. County of registration: \_\_\_\_\_ e. Registration No.: \_\_\_\_\_ f. Expires on (date): \_\_\_\_\_

(Each defendant for whom this answer is filed must be named in item 1 and must sign this answer unless his or her attorney signs.)

Michael Laznicki

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

  
 (SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY)

Sofia Zoller

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

  
 (SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT OR ATTORNEY)

## VERIFICATION

(Use a different verification form if the verification is by an attorney or for a corporation or partnership.)

I am the defendant in this proceeding and have read this answer. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Date: 12/16/2015

Michael Laznicki & Sofia Zoller

(TYPE OR PRINT NAME)

  
 (SIGNATURE OF DEFENDANT)

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
CIVIL COVER SHEET

<b>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</b> ( Check box if you are representing yourself <input type="checkbox"/> )  DARYOUSH GOHARBIN	<b>DEFENDANTS</b> ( Check box if you are representing yourself <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) MICHAEL LAZNICKA; SOFIA ZOLLER, DOES 1 TO 10
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>LOS ANGELES</u> (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)	County of Residence of First Listed Defendant <u>LOS ANGELES</u> (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)
(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information. Sam Chandra 710 S. Myrtle Avenue, #600 Monrovia, CA 91016	Attorneys (Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information. Michael Laznicka & Sofia Zoller 1120 Shadow Hill Way Beverly Hills, CA 90210 310-502-4641

<b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> (Place an X in one box only.)  <input type="checkbox"/> 1. U.S. Government Plaintiff <input type="checkbox"/> 2. U.S. Government Defendant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party) <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	<b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES</b> -For Diversity Cases Only (Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant) <table style="width:100%;"> <tr> <td style="width:33%;">Citizen of This State</td> <td style="width:10%;">PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="width:10%;">DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1</td> <td style="width:33%;">Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State</td> <td style="width:10%;">PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> <td style="width:10%;">DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen of Another State</td> <td>PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 2</td> <td>Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State</td> <td>PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> <td>DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country</td> <td>PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 3</td> <td>Foreign Nation</td> <td>PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> <td>DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 6</td> </tr> </table>	Citizen of This State	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 1	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 4	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 4	Citizen of Another State	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 2	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 5	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 5	Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 3	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	PTF <input type="checkbox"/> 6	DEF <input type="checkbox"/> 6
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<b>IV. ORIGIN</b> (Place an X in one box only.) <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Original Proceeding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Removed from State Court <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Remanded from Appellate Court <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Reinstated or Reopened <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Transferred from Another District (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Multi-District Litigation
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**V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND:** ☐ Yes ☒ No (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.)

**CLASS ACTION under F.R.Cv.P. 23:** ☐ Yes ☒ No **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT: \$**
**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION** (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)  
 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) and/or (b)
**VII. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an X in one box only.)

OTHER STATUTES	CONTRACT	REAL PROPERTY CONT.	IMMIGRATION	PRISONER PETITIONS	PROPERTY RIGHTS
<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land	<input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application	<b>Habeas Corpus:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights
<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment	<input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine	<input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee	<input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent
<input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust	<input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>TORTS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence	<input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark
<input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking	<input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b>	<b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 530 General	<b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/Etc.	<input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment	<input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane	<input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud	<input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff)
<input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation	<input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending	<b>Other:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923)
<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Org.	<input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loan (Excl. Vet.)	<input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander	<input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage	<input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus/Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405 (g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit	<input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Vet. Benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> 330 Fed. Employers' Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI
<input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV	<input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits	<input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine	<b>BANKRUPTCY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee Conditions of Confinement	<input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405 (g))
<input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158	<b>FORFEITURE/PENALTY</b>	<b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	<input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant)
<input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts	<input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609
<input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters	<b>REAL PROPERTY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<b>LABOR</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Info. Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation	<input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury-Med Malpractice	<input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting	<input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration	<input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure	<input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury-Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations	
<input type="checkbox"/> 899 Admin. Procedures Act/Review of Appeal of Agency Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment	<input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations	<input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act	
<input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes		<input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 445 American with Disabilities-Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 446 American with Disabilities-Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation	
			<input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	<input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Ret. Inc. Security Act	

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**VIII. VENUE:** Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

<b>QUESTION A: Was this case removed from state court?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  If "no," skip to Question B. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the corresponding division in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.	STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo <input type="checkbox"/> Orange <input type="checkbox"/> Riverside or San Bernardino	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS: Western Southern Eastern
<b>QUESTION B: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a PLAINTIFF in this action?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  If "no," skip to Question C. If "yes," answer Question B.1, at right.	<b>B.1.</b> Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside in the district reside in Orange Co.?  <i>check one of the boxes to the right</i> ➔  <b>B.2.</b> Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.)  <i>check one of the boxes to the right</i> ➔	YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. Continue to Question B.2.  YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Eastern Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.  NO. Your case will initially be assigned to the Western Division. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.
<b>QUESTION C: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a DEFENDANT in this action?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  If "no," skip to Question D. If "yes," answer Question C.1, at right.	<b>C.1.</b> Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Orange Co.?  <i>check one of the boxes to the right</i> ➔  <b>C.2.</b> Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.)  <i>check one of the boxes to the right</i> ➔	YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO. Continue to Question C.2.  YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Eastern Division. <input type="checkbox"/> Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.  NO. Your case will initially be assigned to the Western Division. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.
<b>QUESTION D: Location of plaintiffs and defendants?</b>  Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or more of <i>plaintiffs who reside in this district</i> reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave blank if none of these choices apply.)  Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or more of <i>defendants who reside in this district</i> reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave blank if none of these choices apply.)	<b>A.</b> Orange County   <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>B.</b> Riverside or San Bernardino County   <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>C.</b> Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo County   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>D.1. Is there at least one answer in Column A?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the SOUTHERN DIVISION.  Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.  If "no," go to question D2 to the right.   ➔	<b>D.2. Is there at least one answer in Column B?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the EASTERN DIVISION.  Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below.  If "no," your case will be assigned to the WESTERN DIVISION.  Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below.   ↓	
<b>QUESTION E: Initial Division?</b>  Enter the initial division determined by Question A, B, C, or D above: ➔	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD  WESTERN	
<b>QUESTION F: Northern Counties?</b>  Do 50% or more of plaintiffs or defendants in this district reside in Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo counties? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

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**IX(a). IDENTICAL CASES:** Has this action been previously filed in this court?

☒ NO ☐ YES

If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**IX(b). RELATED CASES:** Is this case related (as defined below) to any cases previously filed in this court?

☒ NO ☐ YES

If yes, list case number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

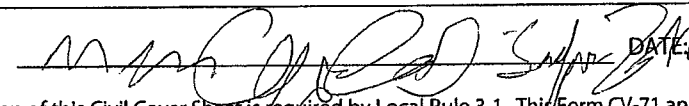
Civil cases are related when they:

- ☐ A. Arise from the same or closely related transactions, happening, or event;  
☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or  
☐ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

Check all boxes that apply. That cases may involve the same patent, trademark, or copyright is not, in itself, sufficient to deem cases related.

**X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY**

**(OR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT):**

 DATE: 1/22/2016

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Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))